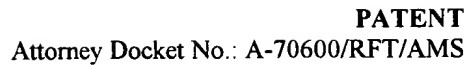


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 20, 2001. The response is accompanied by a Petition for a one-month extension of time and the required fee, making this a timely response.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees, including extension of time fees or other relief as may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1300 (Order No. A-70600/RFT/AMS).

Please amend the claims as follows, and consider favorably the remarks that follow.